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BACTERIAL IMP

DEHYDROGENASE TO DESIGN

INHIBITORS OF BACTERIAL

GROWTH

Applicant:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 6, 2003

Assistant Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

MS: AMENDMENT W/FEE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 6, 2003, applicants' request that the following amendments are entered and the following remarks are considered. A petition for a 3 month extension of time to August 6, 2003 and the required fee are filed concurrently.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 4.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this response. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this response.